

The Regular Bi-Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Tuxedo held on Monday, November 24, 2008 at the Tuxedo Town Hall, One Temple Drive, Tuxedo, New York, was called to order by Supervisor Peter M. Dolan at 7:40 p.m.

Town Board Members Present:	Mr. Peter M. Dolan	Supervisor
	Mr. Daniel Castricone	Councilperson
	Mr. Thomas Darling	Councilperson
	Mr. Gary Phelps	Councilperson
	Ms. Lisa Spivak	Councilperson

Town Board Members Absent: None

Other Town Officials Present: Mr. Joseph P. Tripoli, Sr., Highway Superintendent; Mr. Daniel J. Carlin, Police Chief; Mr. David Maikisch, Highway Superintendent; Mrs. Patricia Monico-Sullivan, Town Bookkeeper; and Mrs. Elaine M. Laurent, Town Clerk.

The meeting was opened by a pledge of allegiance to the flag.

MINUTES

RESOLVED, motion made by Supervisor Dolan, seconded by Councilperson Spivak, to accept the Town Board Minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Bi-Monthly Meeting held on October 27, 2008, as submitted.

Adopted: AYES: [5] NAYS: [0] ABSENT: [0] ABSTAIN: [0]

MONTHLY REPORTS

Supervisor Dolan acknowledged that, all Monthly Reports for October, 2008 having been received at the November 10, 2008 meeting, no reports were submitted at this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Supervisor Dolan asked for public comments on agenda items. There were none.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Town Supervisor/Town Board Update

- *Change in Availability of School for Summer Camp*

Supervisor Dolan advised that he has been informed that, commencing in 2009, the school district will close all school buildings on Fridays during the summer. The buildings are used on Fridays during the Town Summer Camp Program, but not on Wednesdays, which is reserved for trips and other outside activities. In light of the school's changes, the summer camp activity days will be switched from Wednesdays to Fridays.

- *Proposed Increase in Summer Camp Duration and Fees*

Supervisor Dolan advised that he has received numerous requests that the summer camp program be extended from five to six weeks. In order to do so, an increase in camp fees would be necessary, and he proposed raising the fees from \$200 for the season to \$250. Councilperson Spivak commented that such an increase seems appropriate, noting that the fee is nominal when considered on an hourly basis and in comparison to other summer programs in the area. She noted further that those residents who cannot afford the increase can receive a partial or full "scholarship," as has been done in prior years. She stressed that the bulk of the cost of the program is borne by the Town's taxpayers, including those who do not send children to camp, and these individuals should not be further burdened. Councilperson Castricone suggested that the impact of an increase in fees on enrollees, particularly those with large families, could be tempered by charging the full fee to the first child enrolled, and reduced fees for the second, third, etc. child.. Supervisor Dolan asked the Board members to give the matter thought for discussion at a future meeting. In the mean time, he asked the Town Bookkeeper to compile a spreadsheet showing the fee schedules charged in surrounding municipalities.

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AGENDA ITEMS:

Town Supervisor/ Town Board Update

Change in Availability of School for Summer Camp

Proposed Increase in Summer Camp Duration and Fees

AGENDA ITEMS (Continued):

2. Resolution Authorizing 2009 Agreement with Warwick Valley Humane Society

RESOLVED, motion made by Supervisor Dolan, seconded by Councilperson Castricone, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Warwick Valley Humane Society for animal control services for the period January 1 through December 31, 2009, subject to the review and approval of Town Counsel, at a rate of \$84.00 per dog and \$50.00 per cat.

Adopted: AYES: [5] NAYS: [0] ABSENT: [0]

3. Reminder of Holiday Celebration - Sunday, December 7, 2008 at Train Station

Supervisor Dolan reminded the public that the annual Christmas Tree Lighting and a Sounds of the Season performance by the Tuxedo High School Music Department will take place at the Train Station on Sunday, December 7, 2008 at 5:00 p.m., followed by a holiday celebration at Town Hall.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Train Station Renovation

Councilperson Darling commented that, although he was unable to attend the Open House at the Train Station, he made a point of going there afterwards and was impressed with the excellent work that has been done, including the attention to detail in restoring the original attributes of the building, such as the moldings. He congratulated all those involved in this project.

Sterling Mine Estates Subdivision

Noting that all work to finalize the subdivision improvements at Sterling Mine appears to have been abandoned by the developer, and observing that winter weather is upon us, Supervisor Dolan suggested that the Town exercise the \$75,000 letter of credit posted by the applicant so that the Town can complete the work. The Town can then arrange for dedication of the roads to the Town, which would enable the Highway Department to plow the roads, avoiding the problems encountered last year. The matter will be discussed again at the December 8, 2008 meeting.

RESOLUTION PERMITTING RENTAL OF STORAGE SPACE BY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AT 21 BENJAMIN MEADOW ROAD

Supervisor Dolan advised that the Town Highway Superintendent, Joseph Tripoli, has asked whether the Town can rent space at the warehouse on Benjamin Meadow Road, which is Supervisor Dolan's personal property, for the indoor storage of Highway equipment subjected to substantial wear and tear, damage from the elements and infestation by vermin due to outdoor storage necessitated by inadequate space. Supervisor Dolan requested and received this date an opinion from Town Counsel, Donald Nichol, stating that, under certain conditions already met by Supervisor Dolan, such a rental arrangement is permissible.

Supervisor Dolan noted that the rental fee of 50¢ per square foot that he will charge is nominal compared to the current market value of between \$3 and \$8 per square foot.

RESOLVED, motion made by Supervisor Dolan, seconded by Councilperson Spivak, that the Town Board hereby approves of the rental of indoor storage space at the warehouse located at 21 Benjamin Meadow Road owned personally by Supervisor Peter M. Dolan at a rate of \$.50 per square foot, on a month-to-month basis as required and determined by the Town Highway Superintendent.

Adopted: AYES: [5] NAYS: [0] ABSENT: [0]

There was no further items of Other Business to come before the Board.

AGENDA ITEMS:

**Resolution
Authorizing 2009
Agreement with
Warwick Valley
Humane Society**

**Reminder of Holiday
Celebration - Sunday,
December 7, 2008 at
Train Station**

OTHER BUSINESS:

**Train Station
Renovation**

**Sterling Mine
Estates
Subdivision**

**RESOLUTION
PERMITTING RENTAL
OF STORAGE SPACE
BY HIGHWAY
DEPARTMENT AT
21 BENJAMIN
MEADOW ROAD**

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Supervisor Dolan asked for comments from the public.

General discussion was held concerning the status of the Tuxedo Reserve development and the Tuxedo Local Development Corporation.

Supervisor Dolan asked for any further comments from the public. There were none.

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS:

There were no budget modifications.

VOUCHERS

RESOLVED, motion made by Supervisor Dolan, seconded by Councilperson Spivak, that the following vouchers, having been audited by the Town Board, are hereby approved for payment:

Claim numbers 1,624 through 1,688
General Fund Claim totaling \$32,627.41
Part-Town Fund Claim totaling \$3,705.53
Highway Town Wide Claim totaling \$8,081.45
Highway Part-Town Claim totaling \$15,303.60
Tuxedo Refuse District Claim totaling \$-0-
Hamlet Sewer District Claim totaling \$5,308.55
Total abstract amount: \$65,026.54

Adopted: AYES: [5] NAYS: [0] ABSENT: [0]

Authorization for Payment was thereafter signed by Councilperson Spivak, Councilperson Phelps, Councilperson Darling and Supervisor Dolan.

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLVED, motion made by Supervisor Dolan, seconded by Councilperson Spivak, to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Adopted: AYES: [5] NAYS: [0] ABSENT: [0]

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Laurent
Town Clerk

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